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Explore Gallery & Art History Lectures at Arts Barn in February

Gaithersburg, MD – (January 25, 2019) The Gaithersburg Arts Barn invites music and art enthusiasts to participate in lectures presented by scholars in their fields. Focused on exploring uncommon topics, these events are suitable for all backgrounds and ability levels. The Arts Barn is located at 311 Kent Square Road in Gaithersburg.

Of Color, Space, and Texture: How We Use Visual Language to Talk about Music

Join Andrew H. Weaver, Ph.D., Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Professor and Head of Musicology at the Catholic University of America, for a lecture on music and art on Saturday, February 16 at 1 p.m. Admission is \$10.

Can you hear art? Can you see music? If not, why do we talk about them as if we can? Weaver discusses how music and the visual arts are influenced by one another, and how those influences can heighten our appreciation of them, even for those who don't know anything about music. Explore what inspires artists and musicians and learn how you too can listen and talk knowledgeably about music. Register online.

Following the lecture, meet the artists of "Musicalia" during a free reception in the Arts Barn Gallery.

When Worlds Collide: The Importance of Japanese Woodblock Prints on late 19th Century Art

Learn how an inexpensive, insignificant art form from Japan revolutionized Western art in the latter part of the 19th century with art historian and City of Gaithersburg Arts Administrator, Shellie Williams, on Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m. In 1854, Japan reopened trade with the West, and Europe was seized by *japonisme*, a craze for all things Japanese, including silks, porcelains, paintings, and especially the inexpensive, ukiyo-e wood block print. The bold colors, flattened perspective and subject matter of the ukiyo-e prints became a significant inspiration for Monet, Van Gogh, Degas and many other artists. A wine and cheese reception follows the lecture (photo ID required to purchase alcohol). Students are invited to reconvene on the following Saturday for a museum tour. Cost is \$75, \$65 for City of Gaithersburg residents for lecture, reception and museum tour. Register online. Cost is \$25, \$20 for City of Gaithersburg residents for lecture and reception only (register by phone at 301-258-6394 for lecture/reception only).

For more information call 301-258-6394, visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at *ArtsOnTheGreen*.

The *Arts on the Green* music series is funded in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC). To discover more about MSAC grants and how they impact Maryland's arts sector, visit www.msac.org.

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